Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director:

Please review the attachments and take the necessary action. The attached documents that are identified as SP XX-2012 are USDA memos that provide an update on regulations and must be reviewed to ensure you are operating according to regulations. This information is emailed to the Authorized Representative and Food Service Director for your School Food Authority (SFA). The Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services new facsimile number is 515-242-5988.

PLE Tool-FY13 SFA Application- Now Working

School Food Authorities (SFAs) have shared that the PLE Tool link in the SFA Application (under Supporting Documents tab) was not working. The PLE Tool link has been changed to be compatible with lower version(s) of MSOFFice. Public and Non-Public SFAs MUST complete and ATTACH the FY13 PLE Tool to the SFA Application on the CNP 2000 system. Please log into the system and confirm that the PLE Tool is attached and in a format that is readable. Instructions on how to attach the PLE Tool to the SFA Application are ncluded with this email. RCCI s - IMPORTANT- In most cases, RCCIs will not submit the PLE Tool since the institution does not charge the students separately for meals. If the institution does charge separately for meals the PLE Tool must be completed. Questions may be directed to Patti Harding at patti.harding@iowa.gov or your area consultant.

<u>Meal Pattern next step – Certification for the 6 cents – Getting Started</u>
Attached is initial information about the documents needed for certification to receive the 6 cents additional lunch reimbursement available October 1.

<u>Mant some help telling the school lunch story?</u> Check out the 4 videos at http://tinyurl.com/mealpatternvideos There are 3 aimed at students and one for adults as well as suggestions for ways to use them. Early the week of August 6th they will also be posted on the DE You Tube Channel and DE's Edu-vision site. https://educateiowa.eduvision.tv/default.aspx

SP31-2012 Child Nutrition Reauthorization July 16, 2012 Revision 2

Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Questions and Answers Related to the Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program – Revised July 16, 2012. Under section 201 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, an additional reimbursement of 6 cents per lunch is available for school food authorities certified to be in compliance with the new school meal patterns. The attached Revised Questions and Answers reflect questions USDA has received and provide additional information on these requirements. New questions are in *red italics*. **Please read carefully.**

SP 35-2012 Procuring Services of Purchasing Cooperatives, Group Purchasing Organization, Group Buying Organizations

State Agencies (SA) and school food authorities (SFA) have recently brought to USDA's attention that entities that self-identify as purchasing cooperatives, group purchasing organizations, and group buying organizations, etc., often, in their offer to help SFAs connect with other entities Such as purchasing cooperatives and the like, represent to SFAs that it is not necessary to undertake formal procurement efforts in order to retain the entities services. The attached memorandum outlines applicable regulatory provisions and principles applicable to SFAs seeking the services of such entities.

SP 36-2012 Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs

This memorandum revises the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) guidance on crediting of fruit smoothies in Child Nutrition (CN) Programs. The memorandum focuses on the service of smoothies in the school meals programs but is applicable across all CN Programs.

Sincerely,
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